Financial Assistance to NGO's by CAPART

2193. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of financial assistance given to various NGOs by CAPART during the last three years;

(b) how many NGOs have misutilized the financial assistance, NGO-wise and project-wise;

(c) whether Government have initiated any investigation about the misutilization of financial assistance by these NGOs and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOP-
MENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Benefits available to BPL people

2194. SHRI LEKHRAJ BACHANI : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what benefits are available to the persons living below poverty line in rural areas;

(b) what is the percentage of B.P.L. in rural areas of the country; and

(c) how much will be the progress for uplifting such persons from poverty line?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOP-
MENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) Persons living below poverty
line in rural areas can avail of the benefits of the programmes of the Ministry of Rural Development such as the Sampoorna Gramin Rozgar Yojana (SGRY), the Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) and the Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY). These programmes are designed to provide additional employment, income and shelter to the rural poor.

(b) As per the estimates of the Planning Commission, the proportion of population living below the poverty line in rural areas in 1999-2000 is 27.09%.

(c) The Tenth Five Year Plan document envisages a reduction of poverty ratio by 5% points by 2007 and 15% point by 2012.